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The reply brief filed 15 October 1997 has been entered and considered in response to Applicant's request for consideration filed 09 March 1998. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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